

Natick Recreation and Parks Department

"Create Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Natick Recreation and Parks Department has different volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Summer:

Camp Woodtrail (High School)

 Leader-in-Training and Counselor-in-Training programs for 9th grade and up. Learn all the skills of a camp counselor for first to eight graders while earning volunteer credits and valuable job experience.

Camp Arrowhead (High School)

 Volunteers are paired (1:1) with an individual with Special Needs. They participate in all camp activities from games, swimming, crafts and more.

Sunshine (High School)

 Work with Pre-K participants under the guidance of our experienced staff in this half-day Summer program.

Swim Aids at the Beach (all ages)

o Assist our WSI certified Swim Instructors during swim lessons at Memorial Beach.

Fall:

Natick Days (all ages)

 Be part of the pre-planning (committee member), help with set-up, breakdown, ticket sales, section leader on the day of event.

Spooktacular (all ages)

 Assist with all of our individual events – pumpkin decorating, donut-on-a-string, cookie decorating, escorting our special guest characters and assisting with ensuring safety during the parade.

Winter:

Basketball Coaches (High School and up)

○ We are looking for Coaches for our Youth Basketball League for boys and girls in grades 3 – 8. One practice/week in the evening and games on Saturdays. Emphasis is on learning fundamentals and having fun, equal play is a major component of our program.

Holiday Lighting (all ages)

o Assist with escorting our special guest characters, photos with Santa and ornament decorating.

Spring:

Special Events (all ages)

o Help with set-up, breakdown, and overseeing activities and games at each event

Year round:

• Skyline (Special Needs Programming) – (all ages)

- Assist individuals with Special Needs become more independent and socialize with others.
- o For those who are 19 years or older, we need volunteers willing to drive our vans.

Teen Center (Afterschool Programming) – (all ages)

- Assist Teen Center staff with supervision and program implementation (homework help, mentors, chaperones, program instructors).
- O Volunteer van drivers needed to pick up students from the Wilson and/or Kennedy Middle Schools and bring them to the Cole Center mid-afternoon.

Other opportunities will be taken under consideration, contact recreation@natickma.org